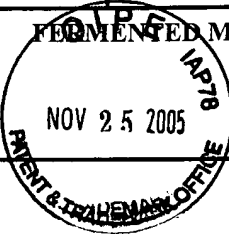


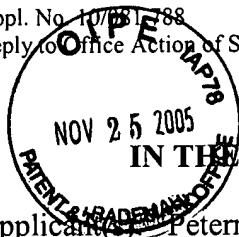


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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.